

Honorable Melvin Price, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for the views and recommendations of the Central Intelligence Agency on H.R. 10953. This bill would create statutory maximum ten-year terms of office for the Director of Central Intelligence and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I do not oppose this statutory limitation for the Director of Central Intelligence, as was recommended in the June 1975 report of the Commission on CIA Activities within the United States. However, I believe it would be inappropriate for me to comment on the advisability of a maximum ten-year term of office for the FBI Director.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

George Bush
Director

